

U. C. T. OWN TOWN

Gallant Travelling Men Hold Full Sway Today.

Large Delegations Arrive During the Night.

ENID BOOMERS HERE.

They Want the Convention for Next Year.

Big Parade on Kansas Avenue Saturday.

Saturday's Programme.
8:30 a. m.—Street car ride for women.
9:00 a. m.—Secret session Security hall.
1:30 p. m.—Parade on Kansas avenue.
2:30 p. m.—Indoor sports at Auditorium.
8:00 p. m.—Marshall's band and entertainment at Auditorium.
Tonight.
Grand ball at Auditorium.

Topeka yet retains its brilliant holiday attire and the patriotic colors with which it has been bedecked for the past three days have been reinforced by the blue, white and yellow streamers and bunting of the U. C. T. of Kansas and Oklahoma which is holding its sixteenth annual convention in Topeka today and Saturday.



F. B. Gatchell, Chairman Entertainment Committee.

Among the aggregation of traveling men in the city are a few white haired veterans who wear the little broeze button in the lapel of their coats so common the first of the week, indicating that they saw service in the civil war. They are the younger crowd and their years indicate their age; young.

Early last evening the knights of the grip, with their wives and daughters, began to arrive in the city and the rooms at the hotels vacated by the G. A. R. were hastily prepared for their reception. The local committee has been preparing for the event for the week past and the city is in ship shape to show the traveling men the line of their lives.

That they are preparing to show Topeka that they are a live bunch is attested by the surplus music and din which has pervaded the atmosphere since early morning and the noise which aroused the late sleepers this morning indicated that a victorious college football team had just arrived. At first the travelers who came in were the stragglers who wanted to be sure of getting in on time and they arrived in singles and doubles, then in droves, and finally in carload lots.

Early this morning the delegation from Enid arrived in a special train. They arrived about four o'clock in the morning and the delegation from Topeka too late of course to think of retiring and it is suggested that they were the writers of the early merry making which continues. Enid is the state convention next year and have come prepared to land it if enthusiasm will accomplish the result with hard work thrown in for good measure.

The delegation is headed by the mayor of Enid, A. E. Stevens, and with him are Councilmen W. S. Grubb, W. M. Randall and W. H. Hills, who are willing to guarantee the members of the U. C. T. the time of their lives if they will select Enid as the place for the next annual meeting. With the committee is J. L. Soule, president of the chamber of commerce, and the secretaries, that body, J. S. Hart, and fifty others, all rosters for Enid.

Among the bunch of fifty unnamed are the four Enid grand council of U. C. T. James Hoyt, J. F. Fenlon, H. V. Decker and Fred A. Wilson. They have a supply of yards and yards of streamers which they are pinning on anything that will stand still long enough and on them, in glaring letters, is "Enid in 1908."

THEIR WORK DONE

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The following is the official list of awards:
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Readers—Thewars & Balliet, series 1 to 5, Silver, Burdett & Co.
Arithmetic—Myers' and Brooks' Elementary and Advanced, Scott, Foresman & Co.
Mental Arithmetic—Westworth's, Ginn & Co.
Geography—Kling's Primary and Grammar School, Charles Scribner's Sons.

Grammar—Hoeschel's Complete English Grammar, American Book company; Scott-Strouth's Lessons in English, Book 1, Benjamin H. Sanborn & Co.
Physiology—Graded Lessons in Physiology and Hygiene, Krohn, D. Appleton & Co.
United States History—Davidson, Scott, Foresman & Co.
Civil Government—Our Government, James and Sanford, Charles Scribner's Sons.

Physical Geography—Introductory Physical Geography, Gilbert and Brigham, D. Appleton & Co.
Physics—Elements of, Garhart and Chute, Appleton & Co.
Bookkeeping—Comprehensive Bookkeeping, Bogle, the Macmillan company.
Writing—The Outlook series, O. P. Barnes.

Algebra—Elementary Algebra, Marsh, Charles Scribner's Sons.
The work of the text book commission was completed in the record breaking time of two days and a half, instead of three weeks, which was the time consumed in making the 1902 awards.

List of Books Approved.
In addition to the above awards of contracts, both sides of the commission held a session this morning and announced their approval of the following supplemental text books, which may be used if desired, but which the purchase is not compulsory:
Van Amburgh number book, Silver-Burdett Publishing company, price 35 cents.
Richardson's Commercial law, Saddle-Rowe company, publishers, price 53 cents.
Brigham's laboratory manual of physics, Appleton Publishing company, price 44 cents.

Outline booklet study of United States constitution, George Rose, author and publisher, price 25 cents.
Advanced book on civil government, James & Sanford, published by Scribner's.

Amount of Bond Fixed.
The board this morning fixed the bond of the successful bidders on the various contracts as follows:
Readers, \$11,000; arithmetic, \$9,000; geographies, \$8,000; grammar, \$4,200; spellers, \$3,000; writing books, \$3,000; histories, \$2,000; physiologies, \$2,000; bookkeeping, \$1,000; algebra, \$1,000; physics, \$1,000; physical geography, \$1,500; mental arithmetic, \$1,100.

These bonds are nearly the same as fixed five years ago, except the bond for readers, arithmetic, and geographies are slightly decreased.

Miss Wooster Makes Charges.
Miss Lizzie E. Wooster, the author of the Wood series of readers, claims that she was not given a fair deal by the commission. She intimates that improper influence was used.

At 8:30 p. m.—Grand ball at the Auditorium.
SATURDAY, MAY 11.
8:30 a. m.—Street car ride given to the visiting ladies only by the citizens of Topeka, will start from the transfer station, Eighth and Kansas avenues.

Facts About U. C. T. Parade.
E. H. Johnson, grand marshal of the day, has issued the following proclamation concerning the street parade Saturday:
The U. C. T. will assemble at the Auditorium at 1 o'clock p. m., sharp, formation as follows:
Platoon of police; E. H. Johnson, grand marshal, aides, H. P. Campbell, El Reno council No. 23.
Parsons council No. 35.
Marshall's Military band.
Topeka council No. 42.
Atchison council No. 29.
Tallapoosa council No. 31.
Concordia council No. 26.
Clay Center council No. 49.
Haskell Indian band with Hutchinson council No. 34.
Oklahoma City council No. 70.
Enid council No. 78.
Wichita council No. 224.
Guthrie council No. 237.
Emporia council No. 78.
Independence council No. 45.
Fort Scott council No. 68.
Wichita band.
Wichita council No. 39.
Winfield council No. 316.
U. S. Bugle corps of Leavenworth.
Leavenworth council No. 76.
Pawnee council No. 77.
Norton council No. 133.
Lawrence band.
Lawrence council No. 46.
The Grand Council of Kansas and Oklahoma.

Form on Quincy street at the Auditorium, with grand council resting on the right. Marching north on Quincy to Third street, west on Third to Kansas avenue, south on Kansas avenue to Tenth street, north on Tenth to Harrison street, north on Harrison to Ninth street, and returning through

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Court Asked to Stop His Advertisements.

Would Also Enjoin Publication in Newspapers.

CASHNOTTURNEDOVER

Say That Receiver Morse Doesn't Get Money.

Asked That Court Order the Funds Turned Over.

A further attempt to tie a bow knot in the funds of H. H. Tucker, Jr., and his continued exploitation of the Uncle Sam Oil company was made Thursday afternoon when Allen and Allen, attorneys for F. J. Green of Straight Creek, and W. C. A. Meske of Alta Vista, filed an intervening petition in the Uncle Sam Oil company bankruptcy matters asking that H. H. Tucker, Jr., secretary and treasurer, and J. H. Ritchie, vice president, be restrained from further advertising for contributions for the company, from issuing circulars calling for the above contributions, or from having advertisements printed in the newspapers asking for the above.

Agents and newspapers are also asked to be restrained from printing the advertisements of Tucker and from circulating them.

It is an attempt to keep Tucker from raising any more funds to fight his way against the attempt to place him in bankruptcy, and is aimed to keep him from communicating with sympathetic stockholders in this manner. The United States has tied up Tucker's mail and the promoter of the Uncle Sam Oil company then proceeded to get busy advertising in the newspapers and through the instrumentality of circulars issued to put his case before his clients and solicit help.

The petition also claims that money that is being received from these advertisements by Tucker is not being turned over to the receiver, J. C. Pollock, and is being used for the private inboxes at the bank and Tucker and Ritchie are to be paid out from it. Later with money that came in by telegraph or express order, about \$8,000 was on hand. The balance finally admitted belonged to himself.

"It's your money," said Tucker, "I'll take every cent of it to protect the obligations of the company," retorted Tucker. It seemed that there was not much more to be said in the matter of the credit of the company. The tension came tight when two answers and petitions filed by Tucker, one in Topeka and one in Kansas City, were made known to the court. Tucker and Ritchie had made the proposition to fix up a deal for receivership and in the other that Tucker's own attorney should be named as receiver.

Point attempted to bring out was a confession that Tucker was a party to the action with full knowledge of the facts and circumstances. Tucker claimed that both answers and petitions were correct and that he would stand on both of them.

Tucker On the Stand.
The hearing in the application for the discharge of the receiver of the Uncle Sam Oil company was opened this morning at 10 o'clock before Judge J. C. Pollock in the United States district court with indications that the hearing will consume all of today and continue until tomorrow morning.

It is very probable that Judge Pollock will take the matter under advisement, leaving the present case and in that event his decision upon the application will not be known for several days yet.

The examination has not proceeded far enough along to develop any new or startling features. The large part of the testimony when the case is heard will be the testimony of the witnesses who have been called to the stand to testify to the facts of the case.

H. Tucker, Jr., secretary and treasurer of the company, about whom the action revolves was placed on the stand as a witness immediately after the opening of the case this morning.

Albert L. Wilson, one of Tucker's attorneys, commenced the examination of his client. His line of questioning was intended to reveal the charges, that the Standard Oil company is backing the prosecution of the case of bankruptcy. Wilson did not ask anything on anything above might tend to show the solvency of the Uncle Sam Oil company.

"What is the business of the Uncle Sam Oil company?" asked Wilson. "To fight the oil trust in the twenty-eight counties of the state," answered Tucker, throwing his head back and closing his eyes.

"Who is the oil trust?" asked Wilson. "The Standard Oil," answered Tucker, raising his voice and whipping out his answer.